

**Cheddleton Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WETLEY ROCKS  
VILLAGE HALL, WETLEY ROCKS ON TUESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup>. DECEMBER 2018.**

**ATTENDANCE** Chairman – Councillor M.P. Worthington.

Vice-Chairman – Councillor M.T. Bowen.

Councillor – M. Ahmad, J.G. Arnold, Ms. C.Y. Ball, J. Carr, Mrs. D.A. Hartley, K. Harvey, Mrs. B. Hine, H.R. Jennings, Mrs. C.M. Meyrick, Mrs. A. Oakden, S. Scalise and H.J. Tunna.

**APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from: -

Councillor – G.J.R. Furnival

**5312 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the 20th. November 2018, taken as read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**5313 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5314 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman brought forward the Planning Application SMD/2018/0539 – 401, Cheadle Road, Cheddleton. New vehicle access crossing to allow off road parking at existing house. As a resident was present who was interested in this application. There were 5 further Planning Applications so he asked the Planning committee to stay behind at the end of the meeting to consider them. He also announced that the Christmas Card collection was £95 so he would make it up to £200 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**5315 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Planning Application for 401, Cheadle Road was of concern to a resident as he lives next door and the applicant was asking for a dropped kerb of which there is already but that he has built up the height of the ground by 8 to 10 inches by removing the front wall and covering the front in gravel. His main concern is drainage especially now the land is higher than his and also that the garage had been demolished from the side of the property which leaves a vast area for parking big enough to park a commercial vehicle on it. Councillor Jennings proposed that the Parish Council send in these concerns to the Planning Dept before the application is considered. This was seconded by Councillor Tunna. It was resolved for the clerk to write to planning at SMDC.

A further three residents concerns was the blocked drain outside 46, Main Road, Wetley Rocks, which is continually flooding the road and is causing a danger to pedestrians and motorists alike. Not only that but people wishing to wait for the bus were unable to wait in the shelter. It is also causing silt and mud to be deposited on the pavement and driveways of the houses. They know that the fault has been raised but when will it be fixed and could there be some flood warning signs to slow traffic down as a matter of safety. It was agreed that Councillor Worthington would contact Highways and chase up the works. The Clerk would also raise the safety issue with Councillor Helen Fisher.

- 5316 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Councillor Scalise declared that he is a member of the District Council Planning Committee so would not take part in the discussions of the planning applications. Councillor Carr declared that he was the applicant of Planning Application DET/2018/0043 so would remove himself from discussions of this application. All Councillors expressed a personal interest knowing Councillor Carr as a member of the Council.
- 5317 MEMBERS' SEC. 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS**  
None had been received.
- 5318 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL £36**  
The Clerk reported that she had received the membership renewal for CPRE. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick proposed to pay the membership as they are doing a good job, this was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Oakden. So, it was resolved to pay £36 Annual Membership Fee.
- 5319 S.L.C.C. – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL £196**  
The Clerk reported that the membership renewal was due for SLCC. Councillor Bowen proposed payment of the membership and this was seconded by Councillor Jennings. So, it was resolved to pay £196 Annual Membership Fee.
- 5320 S.L.C.C – ILCA COURSE £99 + V.A.T.**  
The Clerk reported that she would like to do this recognized qualification ILCA – Introduction to Local Council Administration. She explained that it is an online learning course which covers The Core Rules, Law and Procedures, Finance, Management and Community which would help her understand her role more and provide her with further knowledge of the legislation. Councillor Bowen proposed that the Council pay for the Clerk to do this qualification, this was seconded by Councillor Jennings. So, it was resolved to pay for the course.
- 5321 S.L.C.C. – BRANCH TRAINING COURSE FREE 27<sup>th</sup>. FEBRUARY 2019**  
The Clerk reported that this is a free course being subsidized by the Staffordshire Branch so Councillor Scalise proposed the Clerk sign up for the course and this was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hartley.
- 5322 CONDITION OF THE LITTLE GULLY – FOLD TERRACE TO THE A520  
CHEADLE ROAD**  
The Clerk reported that she had raised a request with SCC about clearing the Little Gully (as well as the Gully) but had received an email back stating that unfortunately the area is not a public right of way. So, they were unable to help. Councillor Bowen said it has been a right of way for years so it is SCC' responsibility. Councillor Worthington suggested the Clerk go back to SCC and copy him in and he would raise it as he is on the Footpath Committee. The Clerk also showed photographs of the handrail which is rusting and requires works to make safe. Again, this would be taken up with SCC.
- 5323 QUOTE FOR NEW SIGNS TOLL BAR PLAYING FIELD/BRIDGE EYE**  
The Clerk had received a quote from Leek Signs for £30 each for a sign for Toll Bar and Bridge Eye. Members were shown the wording and agreed that this was correct. Councillor Mrs. Meyrick proposed to order the new signs and this was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Hartley. It was resolved for the Clerk to get them made.

- 5324 QUOTE FOR NEW 2KG. CO2 EXTINGUISHER C.C. & CRAFT CENTRE £62 EACH + V.A.T.**  
The Clerk reported that the Fire Extinguishers in both the Community Centre and Craft Centre had been serviced but that two had expired and needed replacing. Councillor Bowen stated that these had to be replaced as it is a matter of Health & Safety.
- 5325 PRELIMINARY DRAWING OF PLATFORM – ZIP WIRE – CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD**  
The Clerk reported that she had received a first draft drawing from Batemans of the platform which was shown to Members. It would be manufactured from heavy duty galvanized protected steel but would need some type of rubber matting to cover the steel ramp to reduce slippage. They also offered the services of a team to install it. It was discussed and agreed that the Clerk contact the Playground Inspection Company to ask if it is up to the correct specifications for health and safety before proceeding any further.
- 5326 FOOTBALL PITCH – CHEDDLETON PLAYING FIELD**  
Councillor Jennings reported that the Rugby Club are still intending to use the pitch as a training area. They will start to use it as and when required.
- 5327 QUOTE FOR FLOORING IN THE GENTS AND LADIES TOILETS – COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
The Clerk reported that she had no further quotes yet but would report back at the next meeting. Councillor Scalise is also getting a quote so there will be a few to discuss at the next meeting.
- 5328 REMOVAL OF THE OLD BOILER – COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
The Clerk reported that she had not received any further communication from Barney but would contact him again.
- 5329 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON A520 BETWEEN TWO BUS SHELTERS BY FOLLY LANE**  
Councillor Bowen reported that he had been approached by a resident asking about a pedestrian crossing as this is a really busy road and difficult to cross so due to safety issues suggested that this would be worth raising with County Highways. Councillor Worthington stated that it was not even worth asking as the speed limit is 50mph so it would not be considered without a reduction in the limit. Councillor Ahmad stated that this had been requested before and found not to be viable but it was discussed and proposed by Councillor Bowen to contact County Highways for a response as it was several years ago, this was seconded by Councillor Ahmad.
- 5330 ROAD MARKINGS ON ARMSHEAD ROAD, WERRINGTON**  
Councillor Mrs. Meyrick reported that the road markings are dangerous on the junction of Armshead Road and Rownall Road she had a photo of the junction where recently an accident had taken place. The give way markings need to be looked at so it was agreed to contact David Greatbatch and Councillor Helen Fisher asking for it to be looked at.
- 5331 TREE AT THE TOP OF THE OVAL, CELLARHEAD OVERHANGING THE ROAD**  
Councillor Tunna reported that a tree was overhanging the road which needed trimming. The Clerk reported that she had already asked Jim Gibson to do the work required.

**5332 TELEPHONE BOX – MILL LANE, WETLEY ROCKS**

Councillor Mrs. Hartley reported that she had a response from Nathan Price at the school suggesting a book club/ exchange and had emailed information where other Parishes had set it up. He offered to get involved o the information was passed onto the Clerk to contact him.

**5333 CHAIRMAN’S CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION**

The Chairman advised that the collection had raised £95 and so he would personally make it up to £200 for his chosen charity of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**5334 COUNCIL DINNER**

The Chairman had to announce that his wife had been scheduled to have an operation so the meal would be taking place a week later on Thursday, 31st. January 2019 at The Stafford Arms and he had invited Jackie & Carl and also spoken to Rob to invite him and Ken also. He also advised that he had presented Christina a Flower Arrangement on behalf of the Council for her donation of a glass display cabinet for the Community Centre.

**5335 PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Members’ attentions were drawn to the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting and the recommendation made by the Committee of a £70,000 precept. The Clerk explained that based on the number of properties in the Parish that this actually represented a slight decrease based on the Band D equivalent of 0.6%. Following discussions, it was proposed by Councillor Bowen and resolved, that the Council ask for the recommended £70,000.

**5336 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Council examined the reports of the following committees and adopted their recommendations: -

**a. Community/Craft Centre Management Committee Meeting.**

**Re. Min 3026. – Any Urgent Works/Matters to Raise – Craft Centre** The Clerk reported that the floodlights at the back of the Craft Centre had been installed and what an improvement they are.

**b. Planning & Amenities Committee Meeting.**

**Re. Min 2535(c) – Correspondence** Councillor Tunna reported that Fisher German had carried out the tree works and removed all the trimmings.

**Re. Min 2535. – Correspondence** Councillor Jennings raised the question of the field next to St. Edwards Lawn Cemetery and that the Clerk check into the legalities of leasing it.

**c. Confidential Meeting of the Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Re. Min 564. – Review of Hire Charges – Craft Centre Hirers** The Chairman stated that he completely agreed with the increase in Hire Charges.

**d. Reports of Outside Bodies**

Councillor Bowen reported that he will speak to Julie Howard at SMDC with regards to the land at Station Road and the hard standing and will report back.

**5337 ACCOUNTS**

**5338** **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Town & Parish Media offers media and promotional services.
- b. Wicksteed order acknowledgement of works required at Wetley Rocks & Toll Bar Playing Fields following Inspection.
- c. Earth Anchors Street Furniture. Advertising benches and bins.
- d. EDF Energy – Letter of Authority. Confirmation that Utility Aid can look into the energy supply on behalf of the Council.
- e. Footpath Inspection update. A copy of the Footpath Inspection Report was made available for members to read.
- f. Staffordshire County Council – Applications for Footpath Modifications. The Clerk needed further details about the applications to write to the Secretary of State.
- g. Councillor Helen Fisher – BT Manhole Cover A520 Wetley Rocks. Councillor Tunna updated that he had observed a BT employee spend all of two minutes on site observing vehicles over the manhole, with no heavy vehicles passing over it. The Clerk will report back and ask that he be kept informed. Explain serious hazard especially Pointons Wagons.
- h. EVO North Free Event – We know devolution works. Discussion and exhibition on 27-28 February 2019.
- i. Julie Taylor – Leek Town Council – Special Meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. January 2019 – Leek Moorlands Hospital. Councillor Bowen updated that the CCG will not be closing Leek but are looking to rebuild so that it will be custom built to provide extended facilities but that there will be no beds This is because any beds will be at the Haywood Hospital because it was re-mortgaged and has 27 years remaining. The additional beds required will be sourced by designated Care Homes who will be quality checked to meet the same standard as Hospital Beds and meet the CCG requirements. Certain sections of Leek will be closed while works are carried out. All the information is on the CCG Website.
- j. Councillor Helen Fisher – Weight Restriction Bridge on Basford Bridge Lane, Cheddleton. The Clerk was asked to request an inspection of the bridges and can the Council be involved to discuss options.
- k. Canal & River Trust – Canal Bridge over Caudon Canal on Basford Bridge Lane, Cheddleton. Have no legal rights or obligations over public highways but have concerns which they have expressed to the highways department.
- l. Elizabeth Thompson – Accounts Auditor. She will no longer be able to audit the Parish Councils Accounts. The Clerk reported that she had got details from the last SLCC Staffordshire Branch Meeting of Alan Toplis who is available and will enquire about his charges.
- m. CPRE - Campaigns Update. Circulated to Members.
- n. Kompan – Play and Outdoor Fitness Equipment. Sale items.

**5338 CORRESPONDENCE cont'd.....**

- o. Community Carol Service at Moorside High School, Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>. December 2018
- p. BHIB Councils Insurance – Maintain safe conditions of your properties. The Clerk will save details ready for Insurance Renewal.
- q. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust – News Update. Circulated to Members.
- r. Fields In Trust – News Update. Circulated to Members.
- s. Sue Green – Rural Officer, Support Staffordshire – Introduction. Details of meeting passed onto Councillor Hartley for Wetley Rocks Village Hall.

**5339 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Ian Dakin offered his services as a Health & Safety Consultant to take a look at the asbestos management report on the Community Centre. It was appreciated by the Council but that as the Council had spoken to Pointons they would wait for their response first.

**5340 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

It was resolved for The Clerk to investigate further.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Chairman  
18<sup>th</sup>. December 2018.